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SUBJECT: INTER-COMMUNIST RELATIONS

REF: STOCKHOLM 308

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, WRITER
ON STAFF OF SWEDISH TELEVISION MENTIONED THAT LARS WERNER,
CHAIRMAN OF THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY (VPK) IS EXPECTED
SHORTLY TO COME OUT PUBLICLY WITH A DECLARATION OF
SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHARTA 77 DECLARATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
(VPK DID ISSUE A STATEMENT ON JANUARY 20, SEE REFTEL.)
HE SAID FURTHER THAT VPK ALREADY SUPPLIES PAPER ON
WHICH THE EXILE BIMONTHLY, LISTY, PUBLISHED IN ROME, IS
PRINTED; THIS PERIODICAL, EDITED BY FORMER CZECH TV
CHIEF JIRI PELIKAN, IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY OTHER WESTERN
COMMUNIST PARTIES.

2. EMBASSY CONTACT ALSO REFERRED TO THE EXPULSION OF
12 ITALIAN JOURNALISTS FROM PRAGUE RECENTLY. ITALIANS
WERE EMPLOYED BY RADIO PRAGUE'S 'ITALY B' SERVICE, WHICH
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WAS CONTROLLED BY ITALIAN CP AND BROADCAST UNDER PCI
DIRECTION BACK TO LISTENERS IN ITALY. CZECHS RECENTLY
TRIED TO PLACE ITALY B EMPLOYEES UNDER THE SAME
RESTRICTIONS AS OTHER CZECH RADIO EMPLOYEES OF CENSORSHIP
AND THE MANDATORY REPORTING OF FOREIGN CONTACTS TO THE
SECURITY SERVICE. WHEN ITALIANS REFUSED, THEY WERE
EXPULSED AND ITALY B FUNCTIONING HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY

ENDED. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, CZECHS TOOK THIS MEASURE ONLY AFTER BELINGUER SPEECH APPROVING OF NATO, AND HUSAK CONSULTATIONS WITH BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW.

3. RE CHARTA 77 GROUP, SOURCE POINTED TO ARREST OF FOUR SIGNERS OF WHOM TWO -- JIRI LEDERER AND OTA ORNEST -- ARE JEWISH. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF LEDERER'S PREVIOUS CONTACTS IN POLAND AND RAISING OF 'ZIONIST'SPECTER' IN POLAND IN CONNECTION WITH COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF WORKERS. IT COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT SECURITY FORCES WOULD ATTEMPT TO LINK OPPOSITION IN BOTH COUNTRIES TO A 'ZIONIST CONSPIRACY.' AT ANY RATE, SOURCE EXPECTS POLES TO CRACK DOWN HARD AND DISSOLVE COMMITTEE BEFORE LONG, AND TO PLACE SOME MEMBERS ON TRIAL FOR ANTI-STATE OFFENSES.
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